



Welcoming,  
Caring,  
Sharing

# June/July 2015

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# The Sunday Plan



Sunday 7th June  
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Canon Mark Dorsett  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 14th June  
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Diane Cooksey  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 21st June  
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 28th June  
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Common Cup

Conducted by Canon Mark Dorsett  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 5th July  
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Nicky Neville-Lee  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 12th July  
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Individual glasses

Conducted by Helen Yare  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 19th July  
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Des Robson  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 26th July  
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Common Cup

Conducted by TBA  
Coffee after the service

Dear Friends,



As we come to the end of Pentecost when the first disciples met to celebrate harvest, we celebrate a time of empowerment for the church. Those early disciples experienced something very powerful. Luke describes it in terms of a rushing wind and flickers of flame – both symbols used in the Old Testament to show a powerful presence and working of God. Whatever happened to the group gathered that day gave them back their confidence and drive. Simon Peter, Jesus mate, Rocky, had a few weeks earlier been keeping his head right down and telling people he had nothing to do with Jesus – now we see him and his colleagues having the guts to stick their necks out and proclaim the ‘good news’ not just to those in the secret ‘in crowd’ but to anyone curious enough to listen and learn.

We too are temporarily without a minister, but like those before us we carry on the work of spreading the good news of God’s love and continue to live life in his kingdom.. There is work to be done, Christ’s love to be shared , plans to be made as we wish the world Shalom, the deep peace that comes from being at peace in God.

Shalom my friends

Helen Yare

# Christan Aid Collection



Our Grand Total for Christian Aid was £952.29p

This was made up of:

Supper and quiz: £175.50p

Door to door: £395.29p

Collection Plate: £381.50p

£595 of this amount was gift aided and so we should realise an extra £148.75p on top of this amount!

Thankyou everbody, both givers and helpers for, your efforts efforts !

Sarah



Photos from the Singing Group Event for Christian Aid



## Diary Dates



Thursday 18th June : Book Club in the Church 2:30 pm

Thursday 9th July : Albany Fellowship, 2:30 pm

Saturday 11th July : Cream Tea, Church, 2pm-4pm

In aid of Commitment for Life

Thursday 23rd July : Book Club in the Church 2:30 pm

Monday Evenings : Singing Group : Contact Margaret Morris

Friday Evenings : Table Tennis : Contact Tim Dunn

Monthly Book Group : Contact Tim & Teresa Dunn

Monthly Albany Fellowship : Contact Jean McCluskie/Teresa Dunn

## Items for the August Newsletter

If you have any items for inclusion in the August Newsletter please give them to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email [newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk) by Sunday 19th July at the latest please.

## Moderator of the West Midlands Synod

The Moderator of the West Midlands Synod, the Revd Roy Lowes retires at the end of August. The Revd Steve Faber is to succeed him, subject to formal approval by Mission Council in May.

Mr Faber was trained at Westminster College and ordained in 1998. He presently ministers at Boston URC and Riverside Church in Sleaford, Lincolnshire. He is also mission enabler for the East Midlands Synod. Before entering the ministry, Mr Faber worked in computing and ran his own business as a freelance consultant. He enjoys keeping up to date with technology .

Among his other interests are woodwork, DIY and astronomy. He delights in sea angling too, but may find that pastime difficult to pursue in the middle of Birmingham. Mr Faber is married to Linda and four of their six children are still at home.

## **Coffee on Sundays**



Following the AGM, it was decided by the Church to re-introduce the Voluntary Contribution for Coffee after the Service. It had been shown to generate worthwhile sums for the Church in its eight weeks of operation between December and January.

It should not be seen as 'a charge' in any sense, and those who are unable or don't want to make a contribution in this way is of course acceptable. It is also worth making the point that since we have a relatively small Band of the Congregation who provide/serve/clear up from Coffee & Biscuits, The Church is willing to reimburse costs incurred directly from monies raised to those who need to or wish to claim it back. It is worth remembering that those who already have been providing Coffee & Biscuits (& milk) have been giving financial support to The Church by doing so.

The Church will continue to buy the Ground Coffee from general Church funds. Could The Beadle ensure that the proceeds from this are included in a separate cash bag with the Offertory when they are given to me (The Treasurer), if I am in attendance or secure it in the Safe, appropriately labelled please. Also, could those doing the Coffee display the laminated sign and put out a dish for donations....thank you

Jeremy Davies

# Cream Tea

**commitment for life**

Saturday 11th July

Commitment for Life, Cream Tea at the Church.

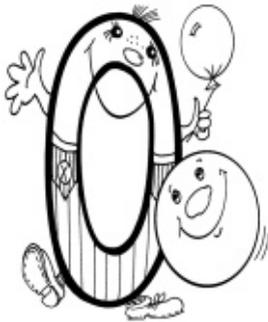
On Saturday 11th July I am holding a Cream Tea afternoon from 2pm-4pm in aid of Commitment for Life. £3 for Scone, Jam and Cream, Tea or Coffee.

Please put this date in your Diary and come along to help us raise some money for this worthy cause.

There will be some cakes and cards for sale also. Listen in the notices for more information as the time gets nearer.

Teresa Dunn

## Noughties Party



at Jean & Brian's  
Torton Grove,  
Hartlebury

on

Saturday 25th July.



Please keep diary date free if possible.

Details nearer the time.

Jean & Brian

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# Childrens Pages

## Design Your Own Flip Flops Craft



We had such fun with this flip flops craft! It is a perfect group activities - perhaps for a summer party, or a long rainy afternoon with friends - and uses up all your scraps of paper, wrapping paper, card and ribbon! Younger children will enjoy the same craft using craft foam, card and pipe cleaners.

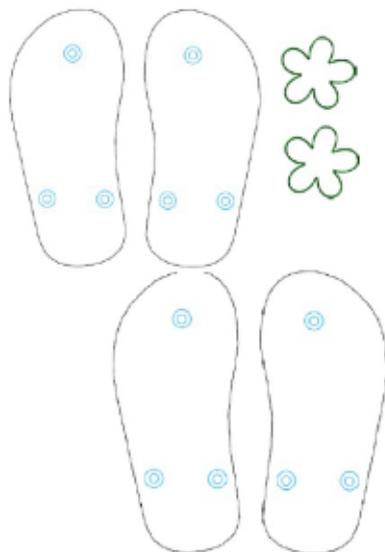
### Flip Flops Craft

You could use these flip flops to decorate your house, your fridge, or the front of an invitation or birthday card. A particularly nice pair can even be framed (leave out the glass) to make a cute picture for your child's bedroom wall.

The Flip Flops Template is shown here, enlarge it to the size required.

You will need:

- An assortment of card, paper, wrapping paper (gift wrap), craft foam, etc
- Ribbons and braids (or pipe cleaners for younger kids)
- Scissors and glue
- Decorations such as beads, plastic or silk flowers, stickers etc can be used if you like.
- Template



Instructions:

Print out the Flip Flops Template and cut out the individual pieces.

Younger kids will just need the bigger pair of flip flops; older kids will want to use both.

For younger kids -

Using the larger two templates, draw round them onto the craft foam and carefully cut out. An adult should pierce three holes in the flip flops where shown on the template (we used a pencil, but you could also use nail scissors or a metal skewer or bradawl). Use two pipe cleaners per flip flop, as shown in the photo, bending the pipe cleaner backwards on the underneath of the flip flop to hold it in place.

We further decorated our flip flops by cutting a small circle of craft foam and threading the pipe cleaners through that as well, and also by threading beads onto the pipe cleaner before pushing it through the second hold.



For older kids –

Use two different materials for your flip flops, cutting the larger templates from one and the smaller templates from the other. Pierce three holes in the smaller template, then thread pieces of ribbon or cord through the holes (we found it easier if we pushed our ribbon through the holes with a sharp pencil). Use sticky tape to fasten the ribbon on the underneath of the flip flop, then glue the top of the flip flop to the bottom, sandwiching the ends of the ribbon in between.

If you like, you can cut the flower shapes out and use them to finish off your flip flops. Alternatively use beads, plastic flowers, hearts or butterflies or even pompoms to decorate them!

# ODE TO SPELL CHECKERS

I have a spelling checker  
I disk covered four my PC.  
It plane lee marks four my revue  
Miss steaks aye can knot see.  
Eye ran this poem threw it  
Your sure real glad two no  
. Its very polished in its weigh,  
My checker tolled me sew.  
A checker is a blessing.  
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.  
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,  
And aides me when aye rime.  
Each frays comes posed up on my screen  
Eye trussed too bee a joule.  
The checker pours o'er every word  
To cheque sum spelling rule.  
Bee fore wee rote with checkers  
Hour spelling was inn deck line,  
Butt now when wee dew have a laps,  
Wee are not maid too wine.  
And now bee cause my spelling  
Is checked with such grate flare,  
There are know faults in awl this peace,  
Of nun eye am a wear.  
To rite with care is quite a feet  
Of witch won should be proud,  
And wee mussed dew the best wee can,  
Sew flaws are knot aloud.  
That's why eye brake in two averse  
Cuz Eye dew want too please.  
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye  
This soft wear four pea seas.

# Worcester Show

Sunday 16 August 2015

The tenth Worcester Show, will be held at Gheluvelt Riverside Park on Sunday August 16.

Last years Show was as popular as ever, with attendance in excess of 6,000 visitors.

This year's event promises to be just as entertaining and entry continues to be free. The Worcester Show will have even more competition classes in the Floral, Cakes & Preserves and Handicraft sections, with many more in the Children/Family/Big Kids categories. Whether you plan to enter your prized flowers, vegetables, culinary masterpieces, photographs or crafts, browse the displays, take part in the interactive workshops or simply wander through the market street stalls – The Worcester Show is the place to be!

A second large marquee will be there again, including a demonstration theatre where visitors can watch the creation of delicious dishes. If you prefer to concentrate on gardening, join in Gardeners Question Time with BBC Hereford and Worcester. Further information about the 2015 Worcester Show can be found at [www.worcestershow.org.uk](http://www.worcestershow.org.uk)

We are joining with the North Worcester Wedge Churches to have three tents. Various activities are being planned and it would be good to have some of our church taking part during the day. For more details please speak to Helen Yare or Nicky N-L.

# Albany Fellowship



In April Tim and Teresa gave us a talk about how they went about gathering all the information for the Commemoration day they held last year to commemorate the start of WW1. This was very interesting and it provoked a lot of questions at the end.

We followed this with tea and cake.

This last month, May, we decorated up to have an early celebration of the 70th anniversary of VE Day. We had Union flags and bunting and hats all over the place. We played some old war time songs, although these were from WW1.

We enjoyed a talk from Anthea English about 'AbbeyFields'. This, for anyone who doesn't know, is an assisted living accommodation for people over 55 years of age. There is a new house being built currently in Little London and it is hoped that it will be open next year. They have lots of houses over the city and all are to encourage independent living. If you would like to know more about this please see Jean McCluskie.

This again was followed by our VE Day Celebratory tea made up of tea and cakes.

We do not need much encouragement to have a party!!

Next month, June will see us on our 'Summer' outing. This year we are taking a trip on the Severn Valley Railway. To read all about it you will have to wait until the next issue.

Thank You to you all for keeping on turning up each month, as

without you there would be no Albany Fellowship.

Love and Best Wishes  
Jean and Teresa

## **Alzheimers Poem**

Do not ask me to remember  
Do not try to make me understand  
Let me rest and know you'r with me  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.  
I'm confused beyond your concept  
I am sad and sick and lost  
All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me  
Do not scold or curse my cry  
I can't stop the way I'm acting  
Can't be different though I try  
Just remember that I need you  
That the best of me is gone  
Please don't fail to stand beside me  
Love me till my life is done.

Author unknown

# Prayer Partners 2015

June – Honduras

We pray for:

- those living in high-risk zones who have been highly vulnerable to the effects of flooding in recent years.
- those attending and leading workshops to identify areas of vulnerability and plan responses in the event of a hurricane.
- the work of all Christian Aid partners in Honduras, helping communities to put into practice good Disaster Risk Reduction programmes with early warning systems and evacuation plans that will save lives.



July – Nicaragua

We pray for

- those helping people like Miguel Angel Zelaya who used to grow coffee but increases in temperature have cut yields. We rejoice that the support from Christian Aid's local partner, Soppexcca, has allowed Miguel to switch to growing cocoa instead, which flourishes in this warmer climate.



- Christian Aid partner, MCM, as it helps vulnerable communities prepare to face the increasing number of hurricanes and tropical storms that sweep across the Atlantic each winter by supplying building materials and expertise for affected families to relocate.

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## Worcester URC Duty Rotas

	7-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	
Preacher	Rev Mark Dorsett	Rev Diane Cooksey	Helen Yare	Rev Mark Dorsett	
Books/Foyer & Offertory	Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke	David James Barbara James	Brian McCluskie Jean McCluskie	Russell Needham Jo Needham	
Reading	Michael Clarke	Nicky Neville-Lee	Paul Denham	Rob Peachey	
Prepare Table		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee		Len Berryman Pat Berryman	
Serve Communion		Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke Jeremy Davies Liz Davies		Paul Denham Sarah Lodge	
Beadle	Helen Moore	Brian McCluskie	Chris Harris	Paul Denham	

	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	
Preacher	Nicky Neville-Lee	Helen Yare	Des Robson	TBA	
Books/Foyer & Offertory	Chris Taylor Les Kease	Chris Harris Roger Harris	Val Geddes Ann Cook	Carol Hardyman Betty Forrer	
Reading	Margaret Morris	Rosemary Clarke	Jeremy Davies	Liz Davies	
Prepare Table		Sarah Lodge Chris Harris		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion		Brian McCluskie Margaret Morris Roger Morris Helen Moore		Rob Peachey Michael Clarke	
Beadle	Pat Berryman	David James	Helen Yare	Nicky Neville-Lee	

	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug
Preacher	Helen Moore	Helen Yare	Tim & Teresa Dunn	TBA	Rev Roger Woodall
Books/Foyer & Offertory	Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee	Jeremy Davies Liz Davies	Sarah Lodge Margaret Dodds	Roger Morris Margaret Morris	Penny Peak Ann Cook
Reading	Margaret Dodds	Carol Hardyman	Brian McCluskie	Sarah Lodge	Roger Morris
Prepare Table		Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee	
Serve Communion		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee David James Jeremy Davies		Liz Davies Tom Cheesbrough	Liz Davies Tom Cheesbrough
Beadle	Sarah Lodge	Helen Moore	Brian McCluskie	Chris Harris	Paul Denham

**PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN DUTY SWAPS AS REQUIRED**

